

COUNCIL of COMMITTEE CHAIRS

SEPTEMBER 3, 1980

The meeting of the Council of Committee Chairs was called to order at 3:05 PM by Senator Pat Bowen, in the Executive Room of Garrett Conference Center. Those present were: D. Bailey, B. Blann, P. Bowen, B. Buckman, R. Cantrell, B. Davis, C. Foster, J. Glaser, P. Jones, J. Long, B. Melville, J. Powell, R. Roberts, C. Taylor, R. Beenker, and C. Wells.

Senator Bowen opened the meeting with an introduction of the members present. The first item of business was the clarification of the status of the Statement on Academic Freedom. Senator Bill Buckman explained the questions raised at the Board of Regents meeting about this statement. Faculty Senate IV Chairman, Don Bailey, had prepared a memorandum outlining the course that the Academic Freedom Statement had taken and it was distributed at this meeting.

The Executive Committee asked the Committee Chairpersons to report what their committees were doing or have planned to do during the Senate IV year.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS--Joe Glaser, Chair--Areas that this committee will be working with are: a general education report, teacher certification requirements, and graduate credit for off-campus programs.

FACULTY STATUS and WELFARE--Chuck Henrickson, Chair (absent)--Senator Don Bailey announced that Senator Henrickson wishes to be replaced as chairman of this committee. The committee will convene to choose another chair. Senator Bailey suggested some direction be offered to the new chairman elected for the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee.

FISCAL AFFAIRS--Richard Cantrell, Chair--This committee is concerned with the recent disbursement of university funds. After meeting with the administration, a study will be conducted to observe how currencies are moderating as the budget is decreasing, how the cuts are being handled, and if there will be any additional cuts. A suggestion made to the committee was to devise an emergency plan in case of an additional cut in the budget.

At this point in the meeting, Senator Buckman commented on a meeting with Harry Snyder. Snyder suggested that institutions draw up a plan for financial exigency. What procedure to follow with additional cuts, what if budgets are cut 5% or 10%, what if enrollment drops 5% or 10%.

INSTITUTIONAL GOALS AND PLANNING--Bob Blann, Chair--A study to define IGP is on this committees' agenda. The approach will be a survey of various departmental deans of our faculty, asking for their opinions. The committee will convene and determine which direction to go.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONCERNS--Joanne Powell, Chair--
This committee met this summer to undertake a study of forms and procedures for the evaluation of faculty members by their department heads.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE--Pauline Jones, Chair--Senator Jones announced that the committee will publish the first NEWSLETTER of the 1980-81 Faculty Senate year, the week after the Senate meeting, September 11. This years' NEWSLETTER will include a write-up of Senate meetings, a continuing up-date on standing committee activities, as well as various other articles. Committee chairpersons were asked to submit a summary of their committees' plans, activities, etc., in writing for the first issue. Senator Jones would like to have this information for the first issue of the NEWSLETTER to make the faculty aware of what Faculty Senate committees are doing. The deadline for information to be turned in is 10:30 a.m. on the Monday preceding the publication date. Senator Jones received several suggestions for publication in the NEWSLETTER from other committee chairs. Among them were: investigative reporting, 54-hour general education situation, a survey to find out what members of the WKU faculty are interested in serving on committees.

Bill Buckman--FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE--Senator Buckman commented that the Faculty Advisory Committee would like to have an opportunity to meet with a committee to revise its report before it is finalized in order to obtain a faculty point of view. Faculty advisement should be the resource before a final conclusion is drawn.

Senator Don Bailey announced that the COSFL meets Saturday, September 13, at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. The Council was asked to report to the Senators involved in COSFL if there were any items they wanted stressed to the state-wide organization.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

September 3, 1980

Sen Bowen called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM in the Ex Room of the Garrett Conference Center. The following were present: John Long, Pat Bowen, Don Bailey, Ron Veenker, Ron Roberts, Connie Foster, Carroll Wells, Bob Melville, Bill Davis, Joe Glaser, Dick Cantrell, Bob Blann, Joanne Powell, ~~and~~ Pauline Jones, Bill Buckman and Craig Taylor.

After ~~introducing~~ introductions were made, the group looked over the handouts from ~~the~~ the chair. Senator Buckman went over the report on the disposition of the Academic Freedom document. Sen Jones questioned the advisability of changing the publication schedule of the Newsletter.

The following committee chairs reported on current agenda items they are considering: BAE got out the newly revised constitution during the summer. AA intends to present a general education proposal during the fall. They are also considering taking a look at new teacher certification requirements and their effect on General Education Guidelines ~~xxxxxx~~ and looking into possible problems in the correspondence curriculum. FSW will meet to elect a new chair, since Sen Henrickson has asked to be relieved of his responsibility. FA is intensely monitoring all decisions on budget cuts during the current fiscal crisis. IGP is attempting to define itself and its goals. PRC is looking into problems of faculty evaluations by the administration. CC requests reports from standing committee chairs for the Newsletter. CUC will investigate the role played by committee service in faculty evaluations for promotion. Also, they will search for and make a list of under-utilized faculty who would welcome some committee work.

Sen Taylor and others introduced some new ideas for senate investigation: 1) Why is it necessary to turn in bulleting material so far in advance of publication? This practice results in highly inaccurate bulleting. 2) Is it legal to lower a student's grade based on class attendance? 3) Some department heads are not honoring the notion that students have a right to graduate under requirements found in the catalogue ~~which~~ when they entered the University.

Sen Buckman reported that the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Council on Higher Education has requested that it have overview on the long range report on the future of higher education before that report is made official by Robert Seton and his advisors.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm